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Flooding Halts Production at Kainantu

Exceptionally heavy rainfall in the mine area resulted in extensive flooding and has caused a landslide at the lower portal which has stopped production at the Kainantu Gold Mine. Production is expected to be adversely affected for up to two weeks.

Whilst there were no major injuries to personnel, there has been major damage to the power cable and fuel line to the upper portal; loss of a compressor; and undermining of the abutments to the Upper Baupa bridge.

The loss of power to the upper portal is expected to impact production for up to 10-days once the power has been reconnected.

This rain event was the heaviest ever recorded at the site. Investigations are underway to try and ensure that this style of event does not impact production in the future.

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